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CELL, BASED DIAGNOSIS

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application, which was mailed on April 4, 2002 (a copy of which is attached hereto), Attorneys for Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response one (1) month from June 4, 2002 up to and including July 4, 2002.

Attorneys for Applicants also submit the application filing fee of \$1,046.00 and a surcharge of \$130.00. Please charge the required fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this paper is submitted herewith for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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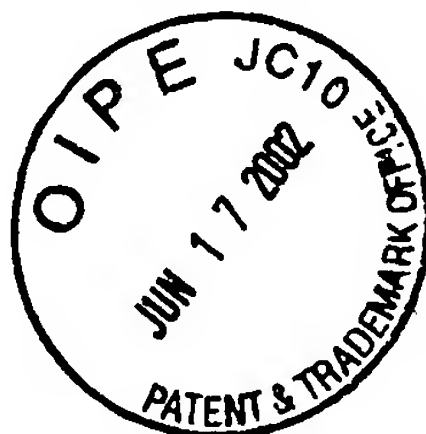
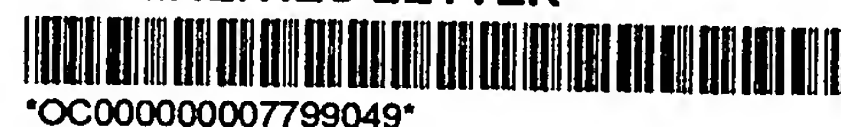
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$306.
 ■ \$306 for 17 total claims over 20.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1176.

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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